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SUBJECT: IV GRANTEE - MANUEL ESPINOZA ENRIQUEZ

REF: MANAGUA 1182, MANAGUA 1504, MANAGUA A-23

1. POST SUBMITS (PART II) BIOGRAPHIC PROGRAM DATA FOR IV GRANTEE

MANUEL ESPINOZA ENRIQUEZ.

2. PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR NEWS CHANNEL 2 TELEVISION, PRODUCER/

DIRECTOR TOP-RATED DAILY NEWS SHOW, "EXTRAVISION".

3. PAST POSITION: NEW EDITOR RADIO/TV, PUBLISHER CHANNEL 2

PANEL SHOW, "PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SPEAKS OUT".

4. DATE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 9 AUG 2013].

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA

6. PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NICARAGUAN.

7. SEC: MALE - MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED.

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9. ADDRESS:HOME: ALTAMIRA D'ESTE #86 MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.

10. EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: LIC. OCTAVIO SACASA, TELEVICENTRO DE NICARAGUA, S.A., CHANNEL 2 - TELEPHONE 61337 MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.

11. EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL. HAS STUDIED ECONOMICS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF NICARAGUA.

12. PUBLICATIONS: MONTHLY MAGAZINES, "EXTRA" AND "EXTRA ECONOMICA".

13. ESCORT-INTERPRETER NEEDED.

14. VISITOR'S SUGGESTIONS: (A) PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS: ESPINOZA EXPRESSES GREAT INTEREST IN USING HIS VISIT TO GAIN THROUGH UNDERSTANDING US ELECTORAL SYSTEM, MASS COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY. ESPINOZA WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL, INsofar AS POSSIBLE, WITH ONE OF THE GROUPS ORGANIZED TO OBSERVE PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN THE US, AND CONFER WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN RADIO AND TELEVISION. HE HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT FACILITIES OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA AND THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION BRANCH OF USIS (IMV) WHILE IN WASHINGTON. ESPINOZA HOPES TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THESE OFFICIAL ENTITIES TO GET FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON OFFICIAL PROGRAMMING FOR THE ELECTIONS. HE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING EITHER WHITE HOUSE OR STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING AND IN VISITING MEDIUM-SIZED TELEVISION STATIONS. BECAUSE OF HIS INTEREST IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED VISITING US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO LARGE CORPORATIONS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW SUCH ORGANIZATIONS ET THEIR PHILOSOPHY ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC IN DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS OR THROUGH SOCIALLY-ORIENTATED WORKS.

(B) BUSINESS INTERESTS: ESPINOZA WOULD LIKE OBTAIN FILMED MATERIAL US ELECTIONS AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR US IN NICARAGUA. HE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TAPE INTERVIEWS WITH POLITICAL CANDIDATES AND COMMENTATORS.

(C) AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS: ESPINOZA IS AVID BASEBALL FAN, AND WOULD APPRECIATE SEEING ONE OR TWO MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES ON HIS TRIP. HE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING SOME OF THE MAJOR ART GALLERIES IN CITIES HE WILL VISIT.

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15. POST'S SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMMING: MANUEL ESPINOZA IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE TOP TELEVISION JOURNALISTS IN NICARAGUA. HIS DAILY NEWSCAST, "EXTRAVISION" HOLDS FIRST PLACE IN THE RATINGS, HIS PRODUCTIONS OF PANEL AND TALK SHOWS ON TOPICS OF INTEREST TO NICARAGUANS HAVE WON HIM THE RESPECT OF HIS COLLEAGUES. ALTHOUGH HE HAS TRAVELLED TO THEUS HIS SHORT VACATIONTRIPS HAVE NOT PROVIDED HIM WITH A DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT US SOCIOPOLITICAL

OR CULTURAL LIFE.

16. ESPINOZA WANTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE POLITICAL SCNE AND MASS COMMUNIATINS INDUSTRY. THE POT AGREES WITH ESPINOZA'S SUGGESTIONS IN PART B., BUT FEELS THAT HE SHOULD BE SHOWN SOME OF THE INNER WORKINGSG OF THE US GOVERNMENT WHILE IN WASHINGTON SO THAT HE CAN GAIN A MORE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. HE SHOULD BE SHOWN A SESSION OF CONGRESS, THE SUPREME COURT, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND USIA. HE SHOULD BE BRIEFED BY BOTH THE ARA/CEN/N DESK OFFICER AND THE USIA DESK OFFICER, AND GIVEN A VISIT TO THE LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION OF THE VOA.

17. SINCE THE POST PLANS HAVE ESPINOZA COOPERATE AS OUR KEY MEDIA PERSON IN COVERING US ELECTIONS, HE SHOULD BE GIVEN A BRIEFING BY USIS (IMV) ON AGENCY PLANS FOR ELECTION COVERAGE, AND BE FURNISHED AVAILABLE FILM FOOTAGE.

18. THE POST SUGGESTS THAT ESPINOZA BE SHOWN AS WIDE A VARIETY OF CITIES AND REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AS POSSILBE. HE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING THE GRAND CANYON, AND WE AGREE THAT THIS SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED FOR HIM. WE SUGGEST THAT VISIT TO TELEVISION STATIONS BE LIMITED TO MEDIUM OR SMALL STATIONS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY STATIONS, POSSIBLY AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, TO PROVIDE HIM WITH AN EXPERIENCE MORE RELEVANT TO LOCAL BROADCASTING CONDITIONS. ON HIS VISIT, HE SHOULD OBSERVE LOCAL BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS, AND BE SCHEDULED TO SEE ONE OR TWO MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES.

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